

# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

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**Emergency Order No.** 03-08-06

**Issued at:** Fairbanks, Alaska  
December 12, 2006

**Effective Date:** 11:59 PM  
December 14, 2006

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2007  
unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order

**EXPLANATION:**

This Emergency Order closes the State of Alaska winter hunting season for Fortymile caribou by registration permit RC867 in northern Unit 20E. All other areas of the RC867 hunt area were closed by previous Emergency Orders.

**REGULATION:**

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(15)		
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Unit 20(E), that portion within the Charley River drainage, the Seventymile River drainage upstream from and including the Granite Creek drainage, the North Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from, but not including the Champion Creek drainage, the Middle Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Joseph Creek drainage, the Mosquito Fork of the Fortymile River drainage upstream from and including the Wolf Creek drainage, all drainages flowing into the Yukon River downstream from the confluence of the Seventymile River and Yukon River		
<b>RESIDENT HUNTERS:</b> 1 caribou by registration permit only; up to 1,800 caribou may be taken under combined resident and nonresident bag limits in combination with Unit 20(B), that portion south and east of the Steese Highway; Unit 20(D), that portion north of the south bank of the Tanana River; Unit 20(E), that portion south of an east-west line that passes through milepost 60 of the Taylor Highway (64°00'01'' N. lat.); the remainder of Unit 20(E); and the remainder of Unit 25(C)	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Dec. 1–Dec. 9	
<b>NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:</b> 1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 20

**Units and Bag Limits**

Unit 20(E), that portion south of an east-west line that passes through milepost 60 of the Taylor Highway (64°00'01'' N. lat.)

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**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS**

1 bull by registration permit only

Remainder of Unit 20(E)

**Resident  
Open Season  
(Subsistence and  
General Hunts)****Nonresident  
Open Season**

Aug. 10–Aug. 17

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**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull by registration permit only

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All other caribou hunting regulations in Unit 20 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

**JUSTIFICATION:****Resident  
Open Season  
(Subsistence and  
General Hunts)**

Aug. 10–Aug. 17  
Dec. 1–Dec. 14

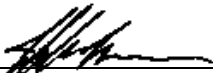
**Nonresident  
Open Season**

Aug. 10–Aug. 17

In March 2006, the Alaska Board of Game endorsed the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan (harvest plan) as a means of guiding harvest of the herd from 2006 through 2012. The annual harvest quota is allocated seasonally: 75% to the fall hunt and 25%, plus any surplus from the fall quota, to the winter hunt. This winter's quota is 372 caribou. The harvest plan also calls for a cow harvest of no more than 25%, or 164 cows. Caribou have been consistently available to hunters in areas accessible from the Taylor and Steese Highways since the beginning of the season on December 1, 2006. The winter harvest is now at 332 caribou and is expected to approach allowed quota. In addition, 170 cows have been taken and no further harvest is warranted.

McKie Campbell  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

  
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